

# Governor Carney's Statement on General Assembly Passage of House Bill 346 – Student Loan Relief for Educators in High-Needs Areas

DOVER, Del. – Governor John Carney on Wednesday issued the following statement on the General Assembly's passage of the [High Needs Educator Student Loan Payment Program](#), which offers student loan relief for educators in high-needs schools and subject areas:

*"All Delaware children deserve a high-quality education. To deliver on that promise, we need to support educators who are in the front of the classroom every day preparing Delaware's children for the future. This legislation will help us recruit and retain educators in high-needs schools and subject areas. These are the Delawareans who serve many of our most vulnerable students. Thank you to Representative Bentz, Senator Townsend, the Delaware State Education Association, and members of the General Assembly of both parties for their partnership on this important issue."*

Governor Carney called for passage of this legislation in his [2018 State of the State Address](#). The following is an excerpt from the address:

"Teachers do our state's most important job – working on the front lines to prepare Delaware children for the future. That's why, working with Representative Bentz and Senator Townsend and DSEA, we will create a student loan forgiveness program for educators. This program will help us retain educators in our highest need schools and in the highest

demand subject areas.”

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